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 (2) Junichi Tanaka
 Number, Date: Serial or Patent No.: Filed or Issued:
 Title: For: SPORTS BALL AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
 SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

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- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 ► ☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Insert:

Company name
 Company address

- NAME OF CONCERN: TACHIKARA CO., LTD.
 ► ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 1-11-7, Matsugaya, Taito-ku, Tokyo, Japan

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC §541(a) and (b), in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons.

Definitions: For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention of the above-identified application or patent. If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

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- NAME:
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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- NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: Kou Ogushi
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 ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING: c/o TACHIKARA CO., LTD., 1-11-7, Matsugaya,
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Sign and date

► SIGNATURE: Kou Ogushi
 Kou Ogushi, President

Date: December 9, 1994

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY Original Application

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. (IF ANY)

As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201-203, of the invention entitled:

SPORTS BALL AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

which is described and claimed in:

☒ the attached specification or ☐ the specification in application Serial No. _____ filed _____
(for declaration not accompanying application)

that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified below. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Japan	Patent 5-354205	28/December/1993	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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